(b) whether it has increased or decreased over the corresponding quarter of the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Electricity is a concurrent subject under the Constitution. The supply and distribution of electricity to different areas (urban/rural) and various categories of consumers in a State is within the purview of the concerned State Government/Power Utilities. However, according to information furnished by States to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the details of notified power cuts/restrictions on industries and power supply to agriculture sector during the period October to December, 2007 and corresponding period of the last year is given in the enclosed statement I and II respectively. *(See* below).

The above mentioned Annexes show instances of increase and decrease in power cuts/power supply to agriculture sector in States during October-December, 2007 as compared to the corresponding period in the previous year.

Statement-I

Details of Notified Power Cuts/Restrictions on Industries and Power Supply to agriculture sector during October to December, 2007

Notified Power Cuts/Restrictions on Industries during October, 2007

State/Region	Energy Cut	Demand Cut
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1 Northern		
Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
Delhi	Nil	Nil
Haryana	0 MU/day to 0.825 MU/day on HT/LT industries : on different days	0 to 250 MW cut on HT/LT industries for different hours on different days.
Himachal Pradesh	0.255 MU/day on HT/LT Industries	85 MW cut from 19:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs. daily on HT/LT industries.
Jammu & Kashmir	•	50% load off (non-essential) during 6 to 12 **hrs,** 14 to 16 **hrs and** 18 to 22 **hrs.** (total cut=6 hrs.) in Jammu; 3/7th load off (non-essential) during 5 to 8 hrs., 50% load off from 8 to 18 hrs. an 2/7th load off from 18 to 22 hrs. (Total cut=6 and 1/2 hrs.)
Punjab	1.8 MU/day on HT/LT industries	600 MW cut from 18:30 to 21:30 hrs. daily on HT/LT industries
Rajasthan	Nil	Nil
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Uttarakhand	**Nil**	**Nil**

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Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	HT Industries: 0.332 MU/day LT Industries: Nil	HT Industries: 109.2 MW (Average) LT Industries: Nil
Gujarat	All industries are required to stagger their weekly off days and cannot avail as per their choice. All industries are required to keep their recess timings staggered.	
Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Maharashtra	Nil	Nil
Goa	Nil	Nil
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Nil; However, there was load shedding upto 200 MW (50.12 MU for the month).	
Karnataka	Nil; However, there was load shedding upto 725 MW from 5.10.07 to 17.10.07 (20.26 MU for the month).	
Kerala	Nil	
Tamil Nadu	Nil. However, there was load shedding upto 913 MW from 5.10.07 to 31.10.07 (177.28 MU for the month). All welding sets irrespective of connected load were not allowed to work between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	Power Cut to HT=0.245 MU	Nil
DVC	Power cut on HT industries 5.895 MU, No cut on LT industries	
Jharkhand	No Notified Cuts/Restrictions	Nil
Orissa	No Statutory cut	Nil
West Bengal	Power cut on LT industries 0.83 MU, No cut on HT industries	

NOTE— (1) Although some states have reported "No Notified Power Cuts", Load shedding/ restrictions are imposed on industries on day to day basis depending upon availability of power *vis-a-vis* requirement.

♦Power cuts for the month of September, 2007 have not been received for Chhattisgarh (WR) till todoy. The data shown is for the month of August, 2007.

Power Supply to Ag ricultural Sector during October, *2007*

State/Region	Average Hours of Supply/day
1	
Northern Region	
Chandigarh	24 hrs. Delhi
24 hrs. Haryana	Three Phase 2 upply: 6 hrs 30 mins. average
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1	2
Himachal Pradesh	24 hrs.
Jammu & Kashmir	—
Punjab	Three Phase Supply: about 6 hrs. 30 mins.
Rajasthan	Three Phase Supply: 12 hrs.
Uttar Pradesh	About 11 hrs.
Uttarakhand	24 hrs.
Western Region	
Chhattisgarh	Three Phase Supply: 22 hrs.
Gujarat	8 hrs
Madhya Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: about 15 hrs Single phase Supply: 00 hrs.
Maharashtra	Three Phase Supply: 15 hrs Single phase Supply: 20 hrs.
Goa	No restriction
Southern Region	
Andhra Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 07 hrs.
Karnataka	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 08 hrs 30 mins
Kerala	No. Restrictions
Tamil Nadu	Three Phase Supply: 14 hrs. Single Phase Supply: 10 hrs.
Puducherry	No Restrictions
Eastern Region	
Bihar	18 hrs.
Jharkhand	About 20 hrs
Orissa	24 hrs. (It is being supplied by distribution company)
West Bengal	About 23 hrs.

*Supply to agriculture for the month of September, 2007 have not been received for Chhattisgarh (WR) till today. The data shown is for the month of August, 2007.

Notified Power Cuts/Restrictions on Industries during November, 2007

State/Region	Energy Cut	Demand Cut
1	2	3
Northern Region		
Chandigarh	Nil-	Nil
Delhi	Nil	Nil
Haryana	OMU/dayto 1.75MU/dayon HT/LT industries on different days	0 to 250 MW cut on HT/LT industries for different hours on different days.

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Himachal Pradesh	0.255 MU/day on HT/LT Industries	85 MW cut from 18:30 hrs to 21:30 hrs. daily on HT/LT industries.
Jammu & Kashmir		50% load off (non-essential) during 6 to 12 hrs, 14 to 16 hrs and 18 to 22 hrs (total cur=6 hrs) in Jammu; 3/7th load off (non-essential) during 5 to 8 hrs, 50% load off from 8 to 18 hrs an 2/7th load off from 18 to 22 hrs (Total cut=6 and 1/2 hrs)
Punjab	1.8 MU/day on HT/LT industries	600 MW cut from 18:00 to 21:00 hrs daily on HT/LT industries
Rajasthan	Nil	Nil
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Uttarakhand	Nil	Nil
Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	HT Industries: 0.061 MU/day	HT Industries: 191.2 MW (Average)
	LT Industries: Nil	LT Industries: Nil
Gujarat	All industries are required to stagger their weekly off days and cannot avail as per their choice. All industries are required to keep their recess timings staggered.	
Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Maharashtra	Nil	Nil
Goa	Nil	Nil
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Nil; However, there was load shedding upto 200 MW (22.2 MU for the month).	
Karnataka	Nil; However, there was load shedding upto 950 MW from 12.11.07 to 30.11.07 (10.66 MU for the month).	
Kerala	Nil. However, there was load shedding upto 150 MW on 12.11.07, 23.11.07, 28.11.07 & 30.11.07 (1.1 MU for the month).	
Tamil Nadu	Nil. However, there was load shedding upto 1126 MW from 1.11.07 to 30.11.07 (209.756 MU for the month). All welding sets irrespective of connected load were not allowed to work between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	Power Cut to HT=0.245 MU	Nil
DVC	Power cut on HT industries 6.08 MU. No cut on LT industries	
Jharkhand	No Notified Cuts/Restrictions	Nil
Orissa	No Statutory cut	Nil
West Bengal	Power cut on LT industries 0.83 MU, No cut on HT industries	

NOTE:—(1) Although some states have reported "No Notified Power Cuts", Load shedding/ restrictions are imposed on industries on day to day basis depending upon availability of power *vis-a-vis* requirement.

Power Supply to Agricultural Sector during November, **2007**

State/Region	Average Hours of Supply/day	
Northern Region		
Chandigarh	24hrs.	
Delhi	24hrs.	
Haryana	Three Phase Supply: 6 hrs 30mins . average	
Himachal Pradesh	24 hrs.	
Jammu& Kashmir	—	
Punjab	Three Phase Supply: about 6 hrs. 30 mins.	
Rajasthan	Three Phase Supply: 12 hrs.	
litter Pradesh	About 10 hrs.	
Uttarakhand	24 hrs.	
Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	Three Phase Supply: 23.10 hrs.	
Gujarat	Three Phase Supply: 13 hrs.	Single phase supply: 11 hrs.
Madhya Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 17.37 hrs.	Single phase Supply: 00 hrs.
Maharashtra	Three Phase Supply: 14 to 21 hrs.	Single phase Supply: 20 hrs.
Goa	No restriction	
Southern **Region**		
Andhra Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 07 hrs.	
Karnataka	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 08 hrs 30 mins	
Kerala	No Restrictions	
Tamil Nadu	Three Phase Supply: 14 hrs.	Single Phase Supply: lOhrs.
Puducherry	No Restrictions	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	18 hrs.	
Jharkhand	About 20 hrs.	
Orissa	24 hrs. (It is being supplied by distribution company)	
West Bengal	About 23 hrs.	

Power Supply to Agricultural Sector during December, 2007

State/Region	Average Hours of Supply /day
1	2
Northern Region	
Chandigarh	24 hrs.

1	2	
Delhi	24hrs.	
Haryana	Three Phase Supply: 6.30 hrs.	
Himachal Pradesh	24hrs.	
Jammu & Kashmir	—	
Punjab	Three Phase Supply: 6.74 hrs.	
Rajasthan	Three Phase Supply: 11.5 hrs.	
Uttar Pradesh	9.44 hrs.	
Uttarakhand	24 hrs.	
Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	Three Phase Supply: 23.02 hrs.	
Gujarat	Three Phase Supply: 10 hrs.	Single phase Supply: 14 hrs.
Madhya Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 16.10 hrs.	Single Phase Supply: 00 hrs.
Maharashtra	Three Phase Supply: 12 hrs.	Single Phase Supply: 20 hrs.
Goa	No restriction	
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 07 hrs.	
Karnataka	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 8.5 hrs.	
Kerala	No Restrictions	
Tamil Nadu	Three Phase Supply: 14 hrs.	Single Phase Supply: 10 hrs
Eastern Region		
Bihar	18 hrs	
Jharkhand	About 20 hrs	
Orissa	24 hrs (It is being sunplied by distribution company)	
West Bengal	About 23 hrs	

Notified Power Cuts/Restrictions on Industries during December, 2007

State/Region	Energy Cut	Demand cut
1	2	3
Northern Region		
Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
Delhi	Nil	Nil
Haryana	0 MU/day to 6 MU/day on HT/LT industries on different days	0 to 250 MW cut on HT/LT industries for different hours on different days.
Himachal Pradesh	0.255 MU/day on HT/LT industries	85MW cut from 18:30 hrs to 21:30 hrs. daily on HT/LT industries.

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Jammu & Kashmir		50% load off (non-essential) during 6 to 12 hrs., 14 to 16 hrs. and 18 to 22 hrs. (total cut=6 hrs) in Jammu; 3/7th load off (non-essential) dhring 5 to 8 hrs., 50% load off from 8 to 18 hrs. an 2/7th load off from 18 to 22 hrs. (Total cut = 6 and 1/2 hrs.)
Punjab	1.8 MU to3.83MU/day on HT/LT industries	600 MW cut from 18.00 to 21:00 hrs. daily on HT/LT industries. One day weekly off on arc/induction furnaces and general industries 160 MW.
Rajasthan	Nil	Nil
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Uttarakhand	Nil	Nil
Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	HT Industries: Nil	HT Industries:Nil
	LT Industries Nil	LT Industries: Nil
Gujarat	All industries are required to stagger their weekly off days and cannot avail as per their choice. All industries are required to keep their recess timings staggered.	
Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Maharashtra	Nil	Nil
Goa	Nil	Nil
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Nil; However, there was load sheddi ng upto 600 MW (145 MU for the month).	
Karnataka	Nil; However, there was load shedding upto 650 MW(19.58 MU for the month).	
Kerala	Nil; However, there was load sheeding of 50-400 MW during peak hours (18.54 MU for the month).	
Tamil Nadu	Nil. However, there was load sheeding upto 1134 MW (183.67 MU for the month). All welding sets are irrespective of connected load were not allowed to work between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	Power Cut to HT=0.245 MU	Nil
DVC	Power cut on HT industries 11.40 MU, No cut on LT industries	
Jharkhand	No Notified Cuts/Restrictions	Nil
Orissa	No Statutory cut	Nil
West Bengal	Power cut on LT industries 0.83 MU.No cut on HT industries	

NOTE:-(1) Although some states have reported "No Notified Power Cuts", load shedding/restrictions are imposed on industries on day to day basis depending upon availability of power *vis-a-vis* requirement

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Details of Notified Power cuts/Restrictions on Industries and Power Supply to Agricutlural sector during October to December, 2006

Notified Power Cuts/Restrictions on Industries during October, 2006

State/Region	Energy Cut	Demand cut
1	2	3
Northern Region		
Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
Delhi	Nil	Nil
Haryana	0 to 3.2 MU/day HT industries at different timing and different days.	200 MW cut on HT industries.
Himachal Pradesh	0.255 MU/day on HT/LT industries	85 MW cut from 18.00 hrs. to 21:00 hrs. daily on HT/LT industries.
Jammu & Kashmir		50% load off for 17 hrs. in Jammu area, 50% load off for 15 hrs. daily and in addition twice a week 28.7% Load off for 7 hrs. in Valley area.
Punjab	1.8 MU/day on HT/LT industries.	800 MW cut from 19.00 to 22.00 hrs. on HT/LT industries.
Rajasthan	1.2 MU/day on HT/LT industries.	300 MW cut (1900 hrs. to 2300 hrs.) from 1.10.06 to 12.10.06 and from 1800 hrs. to 22.00 hrs. thereafter.
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Uttaranchal	Nil	Nil
Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	HT Industries: 0.252 MU/Day, LT Industries: 0.123 MU/Day	HT Industries: 102MW (Average) from 17:00 to 22:00 hrs. per day, LT Industries: 50 MW (Average) from 17.00 to 22.00 hrs per day.
Gujarat	Nil	All industries are required to stagger their weekly off days
Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Maharashtra	Nil	Nil
Goa	Nil	Nil

1	2	3
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Nil	**Nil**
Kamataka	Nil	Nil
Kerala	Nil	Nil
Tamil Nadu	Nil. However, all welding sets irrespective of connected load were not allowed work between 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	Nil	Nil
DVC	2.58 MU power to HT	Nil
Jharkhand	Nil	Nil
Orissa	Nil	Nil
West Bengal	0.83 MU to LT	Nil

NOTE:- Although some states have reported "No Notified Power Cuts", load shedding/restrictions are imposed on industries on day to day basis depending upon availability of power *vis-a-vis* requirement.

***Power Supply to Agricultural Sector during October,* 2006**

State/Region	Average Hours of Supply
Northern Region	
Chandigarh	No restriction
Delhi	No restriction
Haryana	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 5 hrs: 5 hrs 30 Min./ day
Himachal Pradesh	No restriction
Jammu & Kashmir	
Punjab	Three Phase Supply: about 7 hrs/day
Rajasthan	Three Phase Supply: 10 hrs/day
Uttar Pradesh	16 hrs/day
Uttaranchal	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: Hardwar Distt.: 20 hrs/day; Udhamsingh Distt: 20 hrs/day and rest: 24 hrs/day
Western Region	
Chhattisgarh	Three Phase Supply: 21 hrs 15 min/day
Gujarat	Three Phase Supply: average 14 hrs 09min./day — Single Phase Supply: average 9 hrs 17min./day
Madhya Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 12 hrs/day — Single phase Supply: 06 hrs/day
Maharashtra,	ThreePhase Supply: 16 to 24 hrs/day

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Goa	No restriction	
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 7 hrs/day	Single Phase Supply: No supply
Karnataka	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 08 hrs. 30 mins/day.	
Kerala	No Restrictions	
Tamil Nadu	Three Phase Supply: 14 hrs/day	Single Phase Supply: 10 hrs/day
Pondicherry	No Restrictions	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	18 hrs.	
Jharkharid	20 hrs.	
Orissa	20 hrs. (It is being supplied by distribution company)	
West Bengal	About 24 hrs.	

Notified Power Cuts/Restrictions on Industries during November, 2006

State/Region	Energy Cut	Demand cut
1 Northern		
Chandigarh	Nil	Nil .
Delhi	Nil	Nil
Haryana	0 to 1.8 MU/day HT industries at different timing and different days.	200 MW cut on HT industries.
Himachal Pradesh	0.255 MU/day on HT/LT industries.	85 MW cut from 18:00 hrs. to21:00 hrs. daily on HT/LT industries
Jammu & Kashmir		50% load off for 17 hrs. in Jammu area; 50% load off for 15 hrs. daily and in addition twice a week 28.7% Load off for 7 hrs. in Valley area.
Punjab	1.8 MU/day on HT/LT industries.	800 MW cut from 18:30 to 21:30 hrs. on HT/LT industries.
Rajasthan	0.8 to 1.5 MU/day on HT/LT industries at different timing and different days.	100-300 MW cut on different type of industries.
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil
	Nill	Mil

1	2	3
Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	Nil	**Nil**
Gujarat	Nil	**All** industries are required to stagger their weekly off days
Madhya Pradesh'	Nil	**Nil**
Maharashtra	Nil	Nil
Goa	Nil	Nil
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Karnataka	Nil	Nil
Kerala	Nil	**Nil**
Tamil Nadu	Nil. However, all welding sets irrespective ofconnected load were not allowed to work between 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	Nil	Nil
DVC	1.7 MU power cut on HT	Nil
Jharkhand	Nil	Nil
Orissa	Nil	Nil
West Bengal	0.83 MU to LT	Nil

NOTE:- Although some states have reported "No Notified Power Cuts", load shedding/restrictions are imposed on industries on day to day basis depending upon availability of power *vis-a-vis* requirement.

Power Supply to Agricultural Sector during November, 2006

State/Region	Average Hours of Supply
Northern Region	
Chandigarh	No restriction
Delhi	No restriction
Haryana	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 5 hrs. 30 Min./day
Himachal Pradesh	No restriction
Jammu & Kashmir	-
Punjab	Three Phase Supply: about 10 hrs. 30 min/day
Rajasthan	Three Phase Supply: 11 hrs./day

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Uttar Pradesh	15 hrs/day
Uttaranchal	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: Hardwar Distt. 20 hrs/day; Udhamsingh Distt. 20 hrs/day and rest: hrs/day
Western Region	
Chhattisgarh	Three Phase Supply: 21 hrs. 07 min/dav
Gujarat	Three Phase Supply: average 08 hrs. 05 min./day Single Phase Supply average 14 hrs. 04 min./day.
Madhya Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 9 to 12 hrs./day Single phase Supply: 03 hrs. to 06 hrs./day
Maharashtra	Three Phase Supply: 17 hrs./day
Goa	No restriction
Southern Region	
Andhra Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 7 hrs./day Single Phase Supply: No. supply
Karnataka	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 08 hrs. 30 mins/day
Kerala	No Restrictions
Tamil Nadu	Three Phase Supply: 14 hrs./day Single Phase Supply: 10 hrs./day
Pondicherry	No Restrictions
Eastern Region	
Bihar	18 hrs.
Jharkhand	20 hrs.
Orissa	24 hrs. (It is being supplied by distribution company)
West Bengal	About 24 hrs.

Power Supply to Agricultural Sector during December, 2006

State/Region	Average Hours of Supply
1 ,	*2*
Chandigarh	No restriction
Delhi	No restriction
Haryana	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 5 hrs. 30 Min./day
Himachal Pradesh	No restriction

1	2	
Jammu & Kashmir	-	
Punjab	Three Phase Supply: about 12 hrs. 45 min/day	
Rajasthan	Three Phase Supply: 11 'hrs/day	
Uttar Pradesh	14 hrs/day	
Uttaranchal	24 hrs/day	
Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	Three Phase Supply: 21 hrs. 48 min/day	
Gujarat	Three Phase Supply: average 06 hrs. 48 min./day	Single Phase Supply: average 16hrs/day.
Madhya Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 8 hrs/day	single phase Supply: 03 hrs/day
Maharashtra	Three Phase Supply: 16 hrs/day	
Goa	No restriction	
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Three Phase Supply: 7 hrs/day	Single Phase Supply: No supply
Karnataka	Three Phase/Single Phase Supply: 08 hrs. 30 mins/day.	
Kerala	No Restrictions	
Tamil Madu	Three Phase Supply: 14 hrs/day	Single Phase Supply: 10 hrs/day
Pondicherry	No Restrictions	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	18 hrs.	
Jharkhand	20 hrs.	
Orissa	24 hrs. (It is being supplied by distribution company)	
West Bengal	About 24 hrs.	

Notified Power Cuts/Restrictions on Industries during December, 2006

State/Region	Energy Cut	Demand cut
1	2	3
Northern Region		
Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
Delhi	Nil	Nil
Haryana	0.6 to 1.4 MU/day HT industries at different timing and different days.	200 MW cut on HT industries.

1	2	3
Himachal Pradesh	**0.255** MU/day on HT/LT industries	85 MW cut from 17.30 hrs. to 20:30 hrs. daily on HT/LT industries.
Jammu & Kashmir		50% load off for 17 hrs. in Jammu area; 50% load off for 15 hrs. daily and in addition twice a week 28.7% load off for 7 hrs. in Valley area.
Punjab	1.8 MU/day on HT/LT industries	600 MW cut from 18.00 to 21:00 hrs. on HT/LT industries.
Rajasthan	1.2 to 1.8 MU/day on HT/LT industries at different timing and different days.	100-300 MW cut on different type of industries.
Uttar Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Uttaranchal	Nil	Nil
Western Region		
Chhattisgarh	**Nil**	Nil
Gujarat	All industries are requried to keep their recess timings staggered.	All industries are required to stagger their weekly off days
Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Maharashtra	Nil	Nil
Goa	Nil	Nil
Southern Region		
Andhra Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Karnataka	Nil	Nil
Kerala	Nil	Nil
Tamil Nadu	Nil. However, all welding sets irrespective of connected load were not allowed to work between 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.	
Eastern Region		
Bihar	Nil	Nil
DVC	2.07 MU power cut on HT	Nil
Jharkhand	Nil	Nil

1	2	3
Orissa Wast	Nil 0.83 MU to LT	Nil
Bengal		Nil

NOTE:- Although some states have reported "No Notified Power Cuts" load Shedding/restrictions are imposed on industries on day to day basis depending upon availability of power *vis-a-vis* requirement.

Implementation of RGGVY in Bihar

t1030. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the outcome of implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikafan Yojana in Bihar as on date;

(b) the targets achieved, so far, under the scheme for electrification of the targeted villages and what has been the physical and financial position as to the total cost incurred on, the said scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that Madhubani district is the most neglected district covered under this scheme and the areas, falling under Khutonna, Lookaha, Ghoghardiha and Phulparas Blocks and several villages like Sudyahi andGhoonsahi, etc-have not been included in this scheme at any stage so far; and

(d) if so, what are the details in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Bihar Government * has submitted44 DPRs covering electrification of 14195 un-electrified villages, re-electrification of 10508 de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 6069 electrified villages with an outlay of Rs. 3345.68 crore.

(b) The implementing agencies have reported that electrification works in 12104 un-electrified villages (commulatively) have been carried out as on 15th February, 2O08. They have also reported release of 66799 rural household connections, including 52817 BPL household connections in Bihar under RGGVY. Bihar State so far(as on 25th February, 2008) have availed Rs. 1288.23 crore under RGGVY.

(c) and (d) NHPC, the implementing agencyof RGGVY project in Madhubani district, with concurrence of Bihar Government, has submitted two DPRs, one covering electrification of 16 un-electrified villages and re-electrification of 310 de-electrified viIlages under "Accelerated Electrification of One Lakh Villages and One Crore Households" which now stands merged - with RGGVY. This project was sanctioned in March 2005.

Subsequently, NHPC has submitted supplementary DPR of Madhubani district covering electrification of 221 un-electrified villages, re-electrification of 27 de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 459 already electrified villages which is yet to be approved.

Out of the four blocks, three blocks namely Lookana,Ghoghardiha and Phulparas find coverage in both the DPRs whereas Khutonna is not appearing in either of the DPRs.

tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

However, village Khutonna with census code No. 0040200 has been covered in the supplementary DPR of Madhubani district.

Sudyahi and Ghoonsahi villages have also not been covered in both these DPRs.

Autonomy to NTPC

1031. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to give more powers to NTPC, to enable it compete with private sector corporate projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which additional financial powers would increase responsibility and accountability of NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) NTPC Ltd. is a Navaratna Public Sector Undertaking which has been granted enhanced autonomy as per Navaratna guidelines. According to the existing delegation of powers applicable to Navaratna Companies, the ceiling on equity investment to establish financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries in India or abroad shall be 15% of the net worth of the Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) in one project limited to Rs. 1000 crore and the overall ceiling on such investment in all projects put together shall be 30% of the net worth of the PSE. Government of India in November, 2006 had granted waiver of ceiling of Rs. 1000 crore for equity investment by NTPC Ltd. to establish financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries for the purpose of participating in the bidding of Ultra Mega Projects subject to the implementation of maximum of two projects.

(c) In the changing power sector scenario which is going through a massive expansion phase, NTPC Limited has to resort to the joint venture mode! for many of its projects to contribute to a substantial share of power generation in the country. The enhanced/additional financial delegated powers would further consolidate NTPC's position as the leading thermal power generation company in India and abroad. The responsibility and accountability of NTPC will also increase to the extent of the actua exereise additional financial powers.

Approval for Gundia Hydro Electric Project

1032. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for setting up of Gundia Hydro Electric Project in Hassan district of Karnataka is pending with the Central Electricity Authority for approval; and

(b) if so, the present status of the case and by when the approval to the project is likely to be accorded?